



# Fall 2009 Convocation

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# Topics

- Announcement
- New Tenure-track Faculty
- Last Year's Accomplishments
- Preparing for Future Challenges

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<http://www.sonoma.edu/aa/provost/reports/> ]*

# Announcement

- New Student Convocation
  - Tuesday, August 25<sup>th</sup> at Gymnasium
  - Faculty convene at Stevenson West entrance at 11:20 am for processional
  - Academic regalia encouraged but not required
  - Please join us!

# New Tenure-track Faculty (I)

## *School of Arts and Humanities (3)*

- Carlos de Villasante, Art and Art History
- Douglas Leibinger, Music
- Scott Horstein, Theater Arts

# New Tenure-track Faculty (II)

## *School of Education (2)*

- Jessica K. Parker, Curriculum Studies and Secondary Education
- Heather Brace, ELSE

# New Tenure-track Faculty (III)

## ***School of Science & Technology (6)***

- Farid Farahmand, Engineering Science
- Mohammad Haider, Engineering Science
- Joseph Lin, Biology
- Mark J. Perri, Chemistry
- Rebecca Bryan, Kinesiology
- Lauren Morimoto, Kinesiology

# New Tenure-track Faculty (IV)

## ***School of Social Sciences (4)***

- Alexis Boutin, Anthropology
- Jeff Baldwin, Geography
- Laura P. Naumann, Psychology
- Matthew Paolucci, Psychology

# New Tenure-track Faculty (V)

## University Library (2)

- José Juan Márquez
- Alexander Smith

Total New TT Faculty: 17

# Last Year's Accomplishments

- Revamped Registration Process
- Consensus on Mission
- Closure on cycle of University and Academic Affairs Strategic Plans
- Major Progress in Program Review and Assessment
- Development of Detailed Learning Outcomes for General Education
- Diversity Master Plan

# Preparing for Future Challenges: Strengthening Shared Governance

- Joint Council for Academic Planning
- Summer '09 Shared Governance Retreat
- University Planning Steering Committee to Coordinate Prioritization Process

# Preparing for Future Challenges: Streamlining Class Time Modules

- Revised Structure Developed by University Scheduler Vanessa Franklin
- Currently being shared with Schools and Departments for Review and Comments
- Has potential for more efficient use of instructional spaces to better serve students

# Preparing for Future Challenges: Academic Transformation

- New budget realities require us to transform how we achieve student learning
- New pedagogies and technologies to shift emphasis:
  - From teaching to learning
  - From inputs to outcomes
  - From contact hours to student achievements
- Faculty support for retooling courses

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# Other Strategies for a New Fiscal Environment

- Reducing Costs
  - Distributed Cuts, decentralized triage
- Developing New Revenue Sources
  - Self-support Programs
  - Research and Sponsored Programs
- University-Wide Prioritization

# Our blessings (still...)

- A dedicated faculty, staff, and administrators
- A beautiful campus in a beautiful setting
- SSU as the intellectual and cultural hub of the North Bay, a region with an affluent population open to supporting SSU
- The potential to transcend our constraints and to create a virtuous circle of continuously improving programs, students, faculty, and external support
- The opportunity to build on these strengths and shared goals together

# Staying Connected

- Academic Affairs Web Site:  
<http://www.sonoma.edu/aa/>
- Academic Affairs Dialogue Group:  
<http://groups.google.com/group/ssuad>
- Provost's Blog:  
<http://ssuprovost.blogspot.com>
- Provost's Web site:  
<http://sites.google.com/site/ssuprovost/>



**HAVE A GREAT YEAR!**